

REMARKS

Claims 2, 4-9, 14 and 21-32 are pending.

Claims 22-31 are considered to be allowable.

Claims 30-32 would be allowable if amended to overcome the §112 rejection.

Claims 4-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 28 is objected to as lacking antecedent basis in the Specification. The claim has been amended to use the term "pitch". Reference is made to page 5, last sentence of the first full paragraph.

Claim 27 is objected to as being dependent from itself. Claim 27 has been amended to be dependent from claim 22 and further amended for clarity. Reference is made to page 5, second full paragraph of the Specification.

Claim 14 is rejected under §112. The claim has been amended to make it clear that the "flight" is that of the mixing screw of claim 21. Claim 14 is also amended to be dependent from allowable claim 4.

Claim 30 is rejected under §112. The claim has been amended to refer to one of said guide plates. It is directed to the embodiment of Figs. 4-5 (the trailing edge of guide plate in front of leading edge of the mixing screw). See page 7 of the Specification.

Claim 31 is rejected under §112. This claim has been amended to refer to one of said guide plates. It is directed to the embodiment of Figs. 6-7 (the trailing edge of the guide plate overlaps the leading edge of the screw). See page 7 of the Specification.

Claims 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14 and 21 are rejected over Chupka. Independent claim 21 has been cancelled. Claims 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14 have been amended to be dependent from claim 4. Claim 4, which is considered to contain allowable subject matter, has been rewritten in independent form. All of claims 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 14, which now depend from claim 4, should be allowable.

It is submitted that the foregoing amendment places the application in condition for allowance by satisfying all objections, overcoming all §112 rejections and leaving only claims that are considered to be allowable.

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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